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DEPT PASS INFO WHERE APPROPRIATE AMEMBASSIES LIBREVILLE,  
DAKAR, ABIDJAN, BANGUI

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM THE CHARGE

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, AO

SUBJ: ANGOLA: HOLDING THE LINE

1. I CONVEYED MESSAGE REFTEL ORALLY TO FOREIGN MINISTER DENNIS  
AT 11:45 A.M. (LOCAL TIME) DECEMBER 20. HE ASKED ME EXPRESS HIS  
PERSONAL APPRECIATION TO YOU FOR INFORMING GOL THAT U.S. WOULD  
STAND FIRM. HE SAID MESSAGE WAS A VERY REASSURING ACT.

2. DENNIS SAID HE WOULD INFORM PRESIDENT TOBLBERT IMMEDIATELY.  
DENNIS SAID HE HAD NO RPT NO REASON TO BELIEVE TOLBERT WOULD  
CHANGE HIS POSITION. SAID TOLBERT STRONGLY BELIEVES NEGOTIATED  
SETTLEMENT IS ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION. DENNIS PROMISED RECONFIRM  
THIS WITH PRESIDENT AND SO ADVISE ME.

3. DENNIS EXPRESSED PERSONAL CONCERN THAT AFRICAN NATIONS SHARING  
OUR VIEW WOULD BE SUBJECT TO INCREASING PRESSURE BY MPLA ALLIES  
AND MIGHT WAIVER BETWEEN NOW AND OAU MEETINGS. EXPRESSED DOUBT  
THAT MANY COULD WITHSTAND PRESSURE. SAID THE LEFTISTS WOULD QTE  
OUT-GRANDSTAND UNQTE THE MODERATES IN PRESSING THE ISSUE.  
I ASSURED HIM THAT MESSAGE I HAD DELIVERED TO HIM WAS BEING  
DELIVERED TO OTHER LIKE-MINDED AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS AND THAT WE  
HOPED THEY WOULD STAND FIRM AND REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS TO CON-

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VINCE OTHER OAU MEMBERS THAT NEGOTIATIATED SETTLEMENT INVOLVING

ALL THREE CONTENDING PARTIES WAS ONLY VIABLE SOLUTION.

4. DENNIS ALSO EXPRESSED VIEW THAT CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE WAS DISCOURAGING TO NATIONS SHARING LIBERIA'S VIEW AND RECENT SENATE SUB-COMMITTEE ACTION MIGHT CAUSE SOME TO GET ON MPLA BANDWAGON BEFORE QTE IT TOO LATE UNQTE. I TOLD HIM WE RECOGNIZED THIS POSSIBILITY AND THIS WAS FIGURED IN OUR CALCULATION IN SENDING MESSAGE I HAD JUST DELIVERED. AGAIN, I ASSURED HIM USG WOULD STAND FIRM AND EXPRESSED HOPE GOL WOULD DO LIKEWISE. HE TOLD ME USG COULD COUNT ON LIBERIA DOING ITS PART.

5. COMMENT: WE KNOW THAT PRESIDENT TOLBERT HAS BEEN MAKING SPECIAL EFFORT PROMOTE NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. WE HAVE HEARD HE TOLD SPECIAL NIGERIAN REPRESENTATIVE HE WOULD NOT CHANGE HIS POSITION. IN HIS DECEMBER 17 ANNUAL MESSAGE (SAME AS OUR STATE OF THE UNION) HE REITERATED HIS CALL FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. THEREFORE, I THINK HE WILL STAND WITH US. END COMMENT.

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